

NEXT MEETING DATE

Upcoming Clayton and Dingley Landfill Forums

Further Clayton and Dingley Landfill Forums will be held on the following dates:

- 5 February 2013
- 28 May 2013

Agendas, confirmation of venue and meeting reminders will be sent in advance of all forums. For further information about times and location of the forums or to register, please contact:

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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

- When you call the EPA, some people are not satisfied with the initial response by the EPA. EPA would like to know what are you seeking in the 24 or 48 hour period that will help you?
- If you have any suggestions or feedback on the CDLF please email Keith Greaves, the forum facilitator at Keith@claytondingley.net.au

KEY CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information about the **Clayton and Dingley Landfill Forum**, contact Keith Greaves, the Clayton and Dingley Landfill Forum Coordinator:
keith@claytondingley.net.au

To report pollution contact the 24 hour EPA Pollution hotline:

1300 EPA VIC 1300 372 842

<http://www.epa.vic.gov.au/our-work/current-issues/landfills/clayton-south-clarinda-and-dingley-village-odours>

To contact Kingston City Council:

1300 653 356 info@kingston.vic.gov.au

http://www.kingston.vic.gov.au/page/page.asp?page_id=2797

24 hour Transpacific Industries Group Stakeholder and Community Liaison Officer (Olga Ghiri)

1800 213 753

<http://www.transpacific.com.au/content/clayton-news-and-events.aspx>

www.claytondingley.net.au

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CLAYTON & DINGLEY

LANDFILL FORUM

What is the Clayton & Dingley Landfill Forum?

The Clayton & Dingley Landfill Forum provides a collaborative opportunity for the Clayton and Dingley community, local industries, state and local government, Environment Protection Authority (EPA) Victoria and other people to voice their concerns and aspirations regarding odour, dust, contaminated water run-off and other environmental impacts in the general Clayton and Dingley area.

This summary provides an overview of the second Clayton & Dingley Landfill Forum held on 11 September 2012 at the Clarinda Community Centre, Clarinda. This summary includes information presented by EPA Victoria, Kingston City Council and landfill operators about actions being taken to address odour, dust and other environmental impacts associated with landfills in the area as well as questions raised and suggestions put forward by the community.

Addressing the concerns regarding odour, dust, contaminated water run off and other environmental impacts:

In June 2012, the EPA presented the following summary of a long term strategy for the work required at the Clayton and Dingley landfill sites. A summary of the main focus for 2012 was also provided. Updates on progress will be presented by the EPA and operators at the CDLF quarterly meetings.

PRIORITY 1

To ensure long term solutions are in place to address odour impacts on the Clayton and Dingley community.

Long Term Goal:

Effective management of Leachate, Landfill Gas & Compost facilities, minimising odour impact on the community.

Long term solutions with focus on remedy.

3 month (June - August 2012) updated compliance plan finalised

Actions inside a combination of Notices to be issued and further investigation where required for all sites

Dedicated project team to support the region

Established milestones to measure progress

Focus on remedy to choose long term outcomes for the community

PRIORITY 2

To ensure the operator activities in the Clayton and Dingley area cause minimal environmental impact in their surrounding community.

Long Term Goal:

Effective onsite management of Odour, Dust, Contaminated Water Run Off and all other potential environmental impacts.

Zero tolerance to "day-today Operator activity" non-compliance.

Identify opportunities to work collaboratively with Kingston Council to address environmental impacts caused by day to day operator activity

This will occur in parallel to PRIORITY 1 and will look to tap into other resources to support what we are aiming to achieve for the community

MEETING SUMMARY (11 SEPTEMBER 2012)

EPA UPDATE (Bronwyn Green, Regional Manager, Southern Metro)

- EPA Victoria has seen a reduction in reports from the community regarding dust and odour issues associated with landfill sites in Clayton and Dingley.
- EPA Victoria continues to regularly visit landfill sites in the Clayton and Dingley area and monitor sites in the area.
- EPA Victoria continues to meet with Kingston City Council to discuss how odour and dust issues are managed in the area and how both parties can work collaboratively.
- EPA Victoria is working closely with landfill operators to ensure they are compliant with notices.

KINGSTON CITY COUNCIL UPDATE (John Nevins, CEO, City of Kingston)

- Kingston City Council shares concerns with the residents regarding the issues of dust and odour from landfills in the area.
- Council continues to work closely with EPA Victoria and the Department of Health in addressing dust and odour issues from these sites.
- Kingston City Council continues to issue planning enforcement notices to landfill operators. Council also recognises that while they can play a role in enforcement, EPA Victoria can issue larger fines and have more of an impact.
- Kingston City Council communicates to the community about actions around landfills via: the 'Kingston Your City' paper, the Kingston website and Kingston Facebook page as well as through the local Southern FM radio station and via two direct mail outs to the Oakleigh, Maroondah, Dingley and South Clayton area.

OPERATOR UPDATE: ENVIRONMIX (Michael Wood, General Manager, Environmix)

- Environmix processes green waste. Their stocks were highest in autumn and had issues with the heavy rain. The wet stocks corresponded with a higher number of complaints received. Most of the stock has been cleared off site now.
- Environmix is currently working on odour reduction technology for the site and longer term relocation through MWMG tender process. Councils need to agree an alternative site for green waste that can accommodate requirements for a waste facility in the area, which also consider needs of the community.

OPERATOR UPDATE: TRANSPACIFIC INDUSTRIES GROUP (Geoff Webster, General Manager—Post Collections/Solid Waste and Recycling)

- Transpacific Industries Group has several active sites in the area, including at Fraser Road, Carroll Road, Henry St and Victory Rd.
- Transpacific Industries Group are working towards a standard of Best Practice Environmental Management and actions include remediation works and improving gas extraction systems as well as new steps to control dust. Additional infrastructure will also be installed to continue to improve gas extraction and odour.
- Transpacific Industries Group are continually working on ways to control environmental impacts, whether it be odour, litter, seagulls, dust or any other aspect of waste management facilities
- Transpacific Industries Group has a Community Information Centre and community members are encouraged to contact Transpacific Industries Group for information or to provide feedback (see contact information overleaf).

OPERATOR UPDATE: CLAYTON REGIONAL LANDFILL (David Crowe, Clayton Regional Landfill)

- Clayton Regional Landfill is working towards reducing odour pollution. Actions include investing in 32 new gas wastewater (leachate) wells meaning more gas and wastewater can be extracted offsite, reducing odours. Further investments will also reduce odour impacts.
- Clayton Regional Landfill recognises that the issues around birds at the landfill will be difficult to solve. Solutions currently being employed include working with other landfills as well as removing dead, non-indigenous trees. The number of birds at the landfill, particularly seagulls, has significantly reduced, however, this could be associated with the City of Kingston wetlands.
- "We appreciate being invited to attend these forums and learn from everyone else as well."

QUOTES FROM COMMUNITY MEMBERS

"It is important to work together to fix the issues and communicate."

"It is important to come together every three months to see the progress being made."

"We would like to see proof when the issue is fixed"

*"Why has Heatherton Road not had trees planted?
Paper bark trees should be planted along there as they soak up the water."*

"Once land fill returned to public land, install solar lighting and telephones for security and in emergencies."

Q&A

Is there some way that residents are able to access a complaint form that deals with dust, water, odour and enable 24 hour information?
(Francine, community member)

"EPA is currently building a better reporting system to better manage our pollution reporting line. Next year, pollution reporting will be available as well as access forms, which you can print out yourself. We are looking to increase accessibility in real time and respond a lot quicker."
(Byron Thompson, EPA)

How can EPA best get information out to the broader community and make it more accessible to people of non-English speaking backgrounds. What would be easier for you? (EPA Question)

"Perhaps a short newsletter written in simple English with key facts which can then be pushed out to a lot more people." (Community member)
"EPA needs to have a letter or written document in different languages. Ask the council how many different ethnic groups are around the tips and post in those different languages." (Community member)
"Perhaps insert the document in the monthly 'Kingston Your City' paper" (Community member)

OTHER COMMENTS RAISED AT THE FORUM

A number of points were raised at the forum that will be followed up before the next meeting and feedback will be addressed at the next CDLF forum

What is being done about the birds and seagulls? Water dogs to patrol areas where birds congregate?

"Working locally with key stakeholders and groups, things have been quiet, not much feedback from community and I am wondering why that is?" (Colin Bostock)

"Recent high winds resulted in rubbish leaving site. People may be quiet because they feel fatigued and are not reporting. Have they lost patience? How do we empower the people to feel they can talk about it and not feel fatigued?" (Cr Steve Staikos)

"Din San is closed, does that mean it cannot reopen and it is now just about ongoing management and rehabilitation?"

"Who is the authority on how the landfill is managed from the beginning?"

"What guidelines are in place for this to occur as all talking tonight seems to be on band aids for something that should not have happened?"

"Does EPA believe we are doing all we can, utilising technologies around the world?"